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the abundant references which make the work as serviceable in the West and South as in the East and North; and the clearness and precision in the use of language which add to the profit and the pleasure alike of using this book in the investigation of a somewhat abstruse subject. In discussing the topic of fixtures, besides giving the various criteria which many of the courts have adopted, he points out the one criterion which ought to prevail, *i. e.*, the purpose of the annexation. If the purpose is to improve or benefit the realty, the chattel, if affixed by a persisting physical connection, is a fixture; while, if the purpose is to add to the usefulness of the thing, though affixed in similar manner, the chattel remains a chattel. The relation of mortgagor and mortgagee, the nature of their several interests in the property, their remedies, the problems arising from insurance of mortgaged buildings, are ably treated. The work is thorough, exhaustive, reliable.

Hand-Book of Criminal Law. By Wm. L. Clark, Jr. West Publishing Co., St. Paul, Minn., 1894.

This work contains a statement and discussion of the definitions and principles of criminal law, and is to be followed by a similar treatise on criminal procedure by the same author. The arrangement of matter is like that in Professor Norton's *Hand-Book on Bills and Notes* which was reviewed in the second number of our present volume, *viz.*: the definitions and general principles are printed in conspicuous black-letter type which is followed by explanatory and illustrative matter in ordinary type. The author's propositions are well supported by eminent legal authorities and leading cases cited in the foot-notes. His style is attractive and very readable, being characterized by unusual lucidity of expression. The somewhat narrow limits of the work preclude a full treatment of statutory offenses, though the more generally recognized of them are satisfactorily dealt with. The order in which the topics are presented is worthy of commendation. To sum up we should pronounce Clark's *Criminal Law* an excellent elementary treatise.

Law Dictionary and Glossary. By J. Kendrick Kinney. Callaghan & Co., Chicago, Ill. 1893.

The chief advantage of this dictionary is the large number of terms defined. Besides the ordinary legal words of technical signification, the Roman, Saxon, Scotch and French words and phrases, of frequent and occasional use, are included, and many old and obsolete terms are defined. By making the definitions concise and avoiding references, which have but slight value in a